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Applicant: **Gavin et al.,** Art Unit No.: **1651**
Application No.: **09/927,824** Examiner: **Vera Afremova**
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Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2002 in connection with the above identified application. A response to the November 18, 2002 Office Action was due February 18, 2003. A Petition for a three-month extension of time being filed herewith, and May 18, 2003 being a Sunday this Amendment is being timely filed. In response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2002, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A method of [providing] preserving sperm comprising:
- a) cooling a first sample solution which includes a sperm sample to a first temperature sufficient to protect sperm from glycerol toxicity, at a rate

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